# WELSH RAPIDLY LOSING GRIP ON WORLD'S TITLE

Is Holding On by Amazing Tenacity-White Most Likely Successor.

JOE GANS LEADING LIGHTWEIGHT BOXER

DY THE VETERAN.

Et is not unlikely that at the conciu of the bout between Freddie Weish, the holder of the world's lightweight title, and Charley White, persistent challenger for the championship, the crown will be shifted from the intellectual dome of the Briton to the marble dome

upset the calculations of those who have Queensberry scrap heap and has held to his title with amazing tenacity. Although he has been outpointed and beaten in numerous no decision contests, et he has managed to either keep on his feet to the end or has received timely assistance from a referee with reverence for a champion. This was the case when Milburn Saylor hit the Englishman in the stomach in the ninth lishman in the stomach in the ninth; round of a bout in Winnipeg and doubled him up. Weish claimed foul and the incompetent referee haited the bout, but refused to decide whether the blow was fair or foul. The records contain the information that Weish won from Saylor on a foul in the ninth round. Weish recently emerged from a bout with Wolgast under conditions indicating that the champion was fairly with Wolgast under conditions indicat-ing that the champion was fairly knocked out by a body blow in the third round, but again the champion escaped through the leniency of the referee, and later in the bout was really felled with a foul blow.

## Welsh Lucky Boxer.

It is therefore quite evident that Weish has been more than fortunate in escaping decisive defeat and that before long his run of good luck will desert him and his title be taken away. The signs all point to such a result on Labor Day, for the champion has not engaged in a twenty round bout in two years, and he is meeting a young, rusped chap in

twenty round bout in two years, and he is meeting a young, rugged chap in White, who, if the champion should weary, would be more than apt to put over the finishing touch.

If White cannot take the title from Welsh then it will be useless for other and less, effective hitters to try. Leonard might outpoint the champion in twenty rounds, and Welling could probably do the same and also have a chance to stop the Briton, but White looks the most likely winner at the present time in a twenty round encounter.

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If Welsh loses the title to White it will mark a short reign by the Englishman as world's champion, he having beaten

title four years ago, and while he has not defended that championship in some time he has not as yet been officially de-posed. At the same time if he loses his world's championship it is not at all likely that he will ever attempt to re-habilitate himself as the champion of

While Welsh has lasted quite well, principally owing to his successful defence, yet in point of service he does not compare well with his predecessors. Abe Hicken was champion for four ars under bare knuckle rules, and Arthur Chambers held the honors for five years under the London rules.

## McAuliffe's Long Reign.

Jack McAuliffe, who won the title un-er London rules in 1885 and later defor nine years, and retired without having a decision entered against him in a bout for the title. When McAuliffe finally retired he intimated that George Lavigne, the Michigan Wildcat, was the likeliest man for the championip. La-vigne agreed with McAuliffe, and taking the championship without saying "By your leave," the Saginaw boy proceeded to best all challengers for the American

White's K. O. Record.

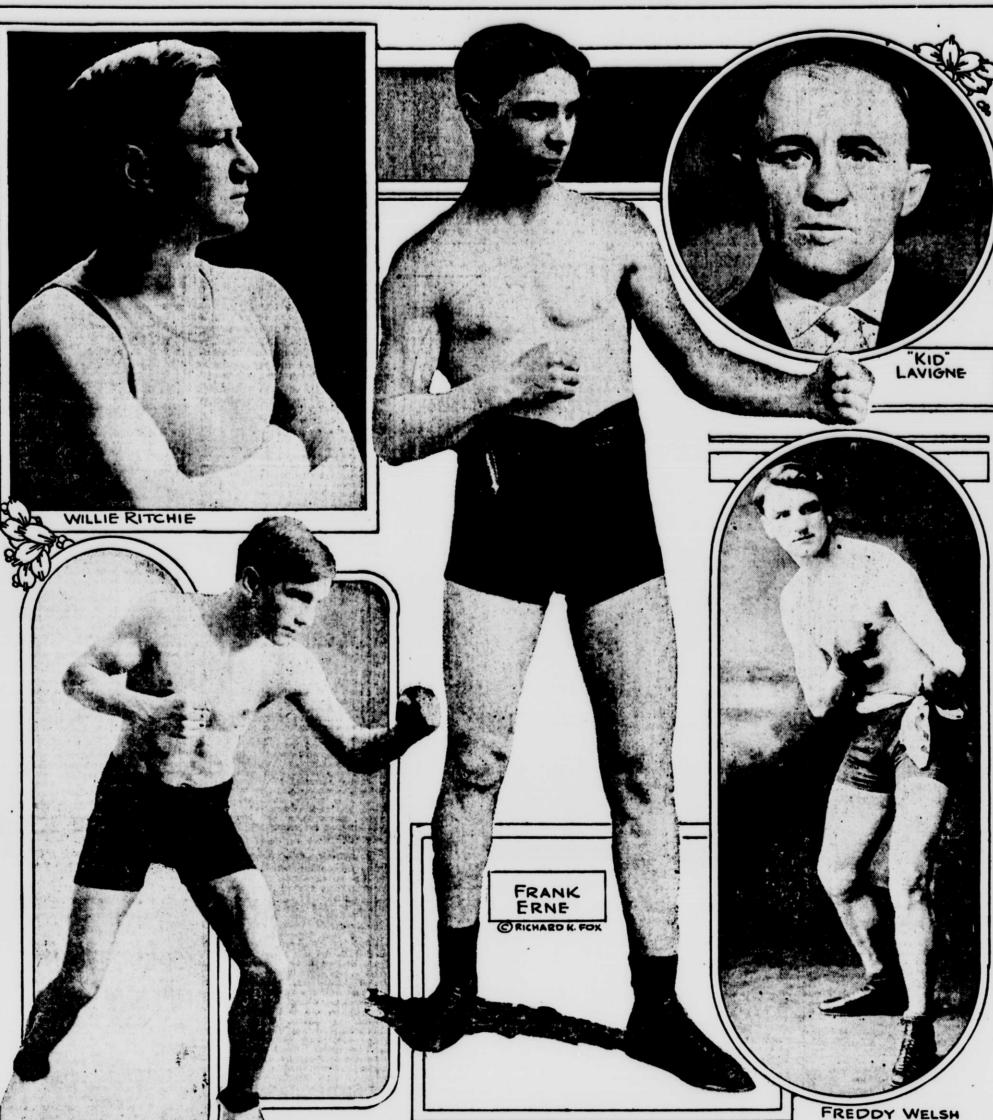
He has an impressive knockout record of about thirty, including such good men as Harry Donahue, Kid Kansas, Stanley Toakum, Joe Azevedo, Jimmy Murphy.

Sam Robideau, Eddie Murphy, Hal
Stewart, Fred Yelle, Charlie Thomas,

Young Brown, Gilbert Gallant, Matty

Baldwin, Milburn Saylor and Matt

NOTED LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONS OF PAST, AND PRESENT HOLDER OF CROWN, WHO IS BEGINNING TO FALTER.



With Amateur and Semi-Professional Players in the Metropolitan District

Players in the Metropolitan District he feated Dick Burse for the world's title. Lavigne lasted only five years, his down after winning the championship.

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Griffo, an amazingly clever boxer. Griffo outpointed McAuliffe by 100 to 1, but the referee declared the American

## His Time to Retire.

Shortly after this event, McAuliffe, hearing of Lavigne's prowess and realizing that his powers were waning, decided to retire. He did so and pre-sented some sort of a belt to Lavigne. The Saginaw boy made good from the Young Brown, Gilbert Gallant, Matty Baldwin, Milburn Saylor and Matt Baldwin, Milburn Saylor and Matty Baldwin, Ma

AD WOLGAST

Nelson, who had little to commend him exospt a strong jaw and endurance, held the title for put two years, and wolgast, another fighter of the Nelson type, leasted but two years.

Ritchie developed a laziness after getting the title that piled his fisch up so high he was unable to continue in the lightweight class and has abandoned the American title, which was still his after the loss of his world's title to Weish.

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Of the probable winner it is known that he is English by birth, having been born in Liverpool in 1891. His name is Charles Anchowitz, and he came to America very early in life, so that he really the context a drawn battle.

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White's K. O. Record.

Gans finally fell into the clutches of Nelson and Nolan, who compelled the champion to weigh 133 pounds in trunks and shoes, making his actual weight stripped 131½ pounds ringside. Gans, rather than lose the big money promised him for a match with Nelson, actual trunks and market with Nelson, actual trunks and shoes. At Sheep Meadow—West Fifty-ninth stripped 131½ pounds ringside. At Corlears Hook—Cherry and Market, 8; Corlears, 5.

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At Carmansville—Reservoir, 12: Carmansville, 2.

At Thomas Jefferson—Thomas Jefferson,
7; John Jay, 8.

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At St. Gabriel's—St. Gabriel's, 6; East
Fifty, fourth Street, 5.

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At Cherry and Market—Cherry and Market, 12; Rutgers, 8; Cherry and Market, 14.

Knights of St. Antony team has the Name o

Knights of St. Antony team has the New York Pire Department nine for its opponent this afterneon on the Knights of St. Antony Oval, Greenpoint avenue and North Henry street, Brooklyn. McGarry will pitch for the Knights and Lynch will be the hope of the Pire Laddies. This will be the first appearance of the Piremen in Brooklyn this year. Last Sunday the Philadelphia Glants had to go fourteen innings to defeat the Knights. A preliminary game will be staged at 1:20 o'clock.

Bronz Greys have the last three Sundays in August open for teams who average 15 to 17 years actual age. We have a fine field and dressing room, and visiting teams are guaranteed the best of treatment. L. Bornsteen, 621 East 135th atreet, city.

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sey and Greater New York.

Elizabeth Stars of Elizabeth, N. J., one of the leading semi-professional travelling clubs of New Jersey, would like to arrange games with such clubs as Lincoin Gliants, Hunts Points, Degnon Grays, Bushwicks and Cypress Hills. W. J. Bond, Union, Union country, N. J., or telephone 3415 J Unionville from S. A. M., until 4 P. M.

Semi-pro pitcher wishes to connect the connect of the c

with a reliable to the form of the firemen were to hold a national convention at the seashore resort.

Marimura Athletics will play the Brong Seminoles, a strong semi-pro team, at Liberty B. B. C. Fleld, this afternoon, at Liberty B. C. Fleld, this afternoon, at L Have Saturday dates booken with an class teams throughout New York and New Jersey, J. C. Sterlings, Boulevard for the clubhouse, and McAdoo avenues, Jersey City, N. J.

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# INCREASING FLESH NO WORRY TO JESS

Willard May Be Qualifying as a Circus Sideshow Fat Man.

TIMOROUS MR. KILBANE

## By CROSS COUNTER.

Jess Willard, according to those who have seen him elevating the circus, will not be without a profession after his retirement from the roped square. The heavyweight champion of the

world is rapidly qualifying to fill the lucrative and not arduous position of fat man of the side show. Willard is now said to scale 860 counds, and he puffs so furlously when

bxing with his sparring partners that the management is considering the advisability of applying a Maxim silencer to the big fellow's breathing apparatus. Not only are Willard's efforts at boxing marveiled at by the onlookers because the evident strain on the champion, a even the kindness of the management in cutting the rounds to ninety the cutting the rounds to ninety the as appreciable extent.

Experts in training estimate that if Willard started to fit himself for a championship contest it would take him two years to get into ordinarily good

Therefore, as a boxer, Willard is the victim of his own mountainous growth although from the showman's stand-point his size has some compensating

It has been frequently the case that the champions of various lighter classes have outgrown their divisons, but Wil-lard furnishes the first instance on record where the champion has outgrown the heavyweight class.

## Kilbane's Amazing Stand. In order to force Johnny Kilbane to

In order to force Johnny Kilbane to take his featherweight title out of the camphor cloths and give George Chaney a chance to win it if he can Matt Hinkel, a fellow townsman of the champion, offered the remarkably large purse of \$15,000 for a fifteen round bout to a decision. It is unquestionably the largest money ever offered for two featherweights, and there is no question as to the offer being bone fide for as to the offer being bona fide, for Hinkel is a wealthy man and very prominent in sport in the Middle West. Therefore, there was a general belief that, with so big an offer in his home town, Kilbane would jump at the proposition. Reports from Cleveland indicate that the champion did jump—away from it. Or rather his manager, Jimms Dunn, who has steered Kilbane away from every dangerous man who has challenged for the title ever since the Clevelander won the championship a narrow margin from the retrogre Attell, is trying to sidestep.

BATTLING NELSON

**BOUT TITLE MATCH?** 

World's Championship Will

Not Be at Stake.

Such being the case, the contest, ac

ording to the 135 pound ringside clan.

to enter the ring.

IS WELSH-WHITE

When Dunn was asked by a Cleveland reporter if Kilbane would box Chane. Dunn replied: Ringside Weight Clan Think "Sure Kilbane will box Chaney, Ru don't you think for a fellow in the pos-tion of challenger of a champion like Chaney, he is asking money when he asks money when he asks for \$6,000? A can you imagine the nerve in dema-

covering the championship bout between Freddie Welsh and Charlie White at Denver Labor Day they will weigh in at 135 pounds at 9 A. M. the day of the match?"

Ing. 30 per cent, of the gate receipts Can't you get the answer? Can't you see that Chaney isn't any too anxious to make the match?"

"But how about yourself, Jim?" we 135 pounds at 9 A. M. the day of the bout, or about five hours before they are queried. "How about the decision part to enter the ring.

## Decision Bugaboo. "Oh, Kilbane will meet Chaney all ght," came the evasive answer. But

cannot possibly be for the title, because I don't see why there should be a dethey insist that a man who cannot or cision in a fifteen round bout. does not weigh 133 ringside is not a know championships are used ightweight. Carried to its logical end cided in twenty round bouts."

Then the Cleveland report a man who boxes at a weight above 133 ringside cannot win the lightweight title. Men who have seen Kilbane a land in addition a champlon who enters the ring at a weight above 133 ringside does mitting that Chaney's only chance of a victory over Kilbane a land chance chance of a victory over Kilbane is by a knockout. Dunn himself has long Not risk his title.

With the 133 ringside fanatics a championship contest is merely a question of weight. The skill of the boxers cuts no figure and the fact of one of the men being the titleholder is also of no import.

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That argument would be all right if advanced in Europe or Australia, where the lightweight limit is officially 135 pounds at 2 P. M. That weight is strictly enforced in all title bouts and no one can lose a championship except at the weight.

But in America, where there never has been an official scale of weights and where the champions in all classes have set the weights to meet their own physical requirements, it is the height

We believe Dunn isn't set in his opinion on that subject. We believe he is still open to conviction. The matter may be cleared soon. He will confer with Matt Hinkel.

No more flagrant example of the decisionless evil has ever been presented than in the spectacle of Kilbania demurring at the official referee picking a winner in a fitteen round bout for a \$15,000 purse, and with the title at \$15,000 purse, and with the \$150 purs

# Won't Rick Title.

Park Playground League.

100 POUND CLASS.

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\* Ben Pressler, the promoter of the Dillon-Levinsky bout in Baltimore, based his faith on success on the fact that the Elks were holding a national reunion in the Monumental City. Pressler thought that all the Elks would make a rush to see the bout. In this he was sadly mistaken, for the Elks were busy with their own affairs and his famous knockout was elusive Kibane, and if he far bush to find a little Baltimore K. O. King can the jaw, and the indications Kilbane, if he makes the insist that there shall be no a madded safeguard to himsel the promoter of the Dillon-Levinsky bout in Baltimore, based in the Baltimore K. O. King can the Jaw. and the indications in significant control of the Baltimore K. O. King can the Baltimore K. O. King can the Jaw. and the indications in significant control of the Baltimore K. O. King can the Baltimore K. O. King can the Jaw. and the indications in significant control of the Baltimore K. O. King can the Jaw. and the jaw. The jaw. and the j The crafty Dunn probably flaure

Bornsteen, 621 East 155th street, city.

Steinway Civic and Athetic Association has open dates for light semi-pro teams within avenue, Astoria, L. I.

Second baseman or outfielder, who formerly captained the Riverdale nine, wishes to join a baseball team averaging 15 to 15 years. Williamsburg section preferred. H. List, 335 South Second street, Brooklyn.

Bronx All Star baseball club has July 30, August 23, 20 and 27, and Labor Day open for home managers. All Star Baseball Club, 818 Courlandt avenue. Telephone for home managers. All Star Baseball Club, 818 Courlandt avenue. Telephone for home within a uniformed team averaging 15 to 17 years. A. Baum, 1019 Longwood avenue, Proposition.

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The Cherry Lane nine has open dates for home clubs within a radius of 200 miles of New York. We would like to connect with a uniformed team averaging 15 to 16 years. A Baum, 1019 Longwood avenue, Corona, L. I. Telephone Broad 4136.

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